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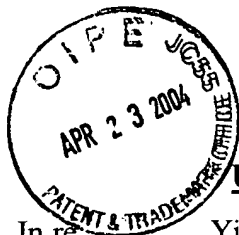
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 23, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on April 23, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.